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FM AMEMBASSY DACCA

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SUBJECT: POLICE INTERVENE TO PROTECT THE EMBASSY

1. IN CONTRAST WITH PAST PERFORMANCE, THE BENGALIEE POLICE AUGUST 11 MOVED IN STRENGTH AND UNSOLICITED BY US TO PROTECT THE EMBASSY FROM A DEMONSTRATION. AN ESTIMATED 30 STEEL HATTED, RIFLE CARRYING POLICE GUARDED THE ENTRANCE TO THE EMBASSY BUILDING AND MASSED SHOULDER TO SHOULDER SURROUNDED THE DEMONSTRATION.

2. THE DEMONSTRATION CONSISTED OF ONE PERSON, NEAR OCTOGENARIAN REBECCA SHELLY WHO ARRIVED AT 12:00 TO STAND AN HOUR-LONG SILENT VIGIL IN PROTEST AGAINST THE CAMBODIAN BOMBINGS. DESCRIBED BY THE DACCA PRESS AS A PEACE MILITANT SHE CAME DRESSED IN BLACK CARRYING A SIGN WHICH READ "MOURNING THE WAR DEAD AND REPENTING THE CRIME OF MY PEOPLE".

3. PRIOR TO MISS SHELLY'S ARRIVAL A POLICE OFFICER ASKED US IF WE WANTED HER TAKEN AWAY. WE ASSURED HIM WE WANTED NO SUCH ACTION TAKEN AND WOULD RECEIVE HER IF SHE SO WISHED.

4. REGRET ONLY THE POLICE WERE NOT AS RESPONSIVE IN
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THE USIS DEMONSTRATIONS LAST JANUARY. WHILE APPRECIATING

THE ATTENTION, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO COUNT ON SUCH
A SYMPATHETIC RESPONSE SHOULD WE BE FACED BY A MORE
SIGNIFICANT THREAT.
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